

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84 Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Human Services Committee** was held on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 in Room 200, Northern Building 305 East Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Carole Andrews, Jesse Brunette, Pat Evans, Steve Fewell,
Pat Moynihan, Pat Wetzel

Excused: Pat LaViolette

Also Present: Brian Shoup/Tim Schmitt – Human Services
Troy Streckenbach, County Executive
Tom Martin/Lois Mischler, Family Services
Other Interested Parties

I. Call Meeting to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pat Evans at 6:05 p.m.

II. Approve/Modify Agenda:

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Wetzel to approve the agenda. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

III. Approve/Modify Minutes of May 25, 2011:

Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan and seconded by Supervisor Andrews to approve the minutes. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

IV. Family Service Association Update:

Tom Martin and Lois Mischler addressed the committee regarding the Child Advocacy Center and the Sexual Assault Center.

Ms. Mischler informed the committee that the Willow Tree Cornerstone Child Advocacy Center opened in January 2011 with a new building. Specially trained staff work with law enforcement, Brown County Child Protective Services, and other community professionals to assist victims of child abuse in the Green Bay area. The center provides a refuge for abused children and their families to seek help and heal throughout the investigation and prosecution of their cases. Components include a medical exam, forensic interview, victim advocacy, and ongoing therapy. Year to date statistics (attached) show there have been 96 new children served, 77 female, 19 male. Abuse ranges from sexual, physical, neglect, etc. (attached). The center operates on a \$350,000 budget, \$50,000 of which comes from Brown County.

The Sexual Assault Center, a division of Family Services, provides services 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to victims of sexual violence, and their families and friends. Services they provide include: Crisis Intervention & Supportive Counseling, Follow-up Assistance, Medical Advocacy, Legal Advocacy, services to Vulnerable Populations including all nationalities, developmentally disabled, elderly, etc. Ms. Mischler stated that staff members are available to present information to organizations, school classes, and other community groups. They also provide in-service training for professionals, church groups, and community organizations. The

Center is always looking for volunteers and interns to provide support, advocacy, and follow-up assistance.

Comments from Public: None

Report from Human Services Chair, Patrick Evans: None

1. **Review Minutes of:**
 - a. **Aging & Disability Resource Center (May 26, 2011)**
 - b. **Children with Disabilities Education Board (May 25, 2011)**
 - c. **Community Options Program Planning Committee (May 23, 2011)**
 - d. **Human Services Board (May 12, 2011)**
 - e. **Northeast Wisconsin Family Care Board of Directors (May 16, 2011)**
 - f. **Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee (May 17, 2011)**

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Wetzel to receive and place on file 1a through 1f.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Human Services Dept:

2. **Executive Director's Report:**
Director Brian Shoup highlighted the following:

Budget – Because of a possible structural deficit in the State and impact on the levy, the Human Services Department is looking at restructuring and revenue opportunities. In the area of Juvenile Corrections, Shoup stated that institutions will be closed in Wisconsin except for Lincoln Hills. Youth aids will be reduced by 10%, per diems will be raised, and the County will have no control over length of stays, therefore, staff has been investigating program development alternatives using detention facilities and school districts.

Shoup reported that the Governor's proposal to centralize support services was overturned by the State Legislature. Options will need to be explored and Jenny Hoffman has been asked to begin the process of connecting with surrounding counties to get a sense of their interest in cooperation in hopes of determining potential revenues.

The Human Services Board has studied the area of Child Protective Services, voicing a concern with capacity, noting that 30% of referrals are not seen.

In the area of Children's Mental Health, it is suggested that positions be realigned in areas of a psychologist, clinical social worker, guidance counselor, clinical psychologist, and AODO counselor.

Family Care – Shoup and Rolf Hansen met with Priscilla Loniak, Division Administrator, in Madison to discuss funding for Family Care. The NEW Family Care District has asked for additional funds over the coming years, however, Shoup stated it is necessary to be prepared that any expansions may be frozen. State officials are being contacted to discuss options, however, it appears that the Department of Health Services does not have a time table in terms of cost effectiveness. Of concern is that waivers may be continued, meaning there may be caps put on waiting lists.

Mental Health Center Facility – Director Shoup reported that he recently met with Robert Cocroft, CEO of the Center for Veterans Issues in Milwaukee. That agency may be interested in the facility and will be touring it for possible consideration as a transitional and/or permanent housing facility, counseling services, AODA treatment, case management services, etc. Cocroft indicated there is a possibility that Federal dollars may be available.

Supervisor Andrews referred Director Shoup to the minutes of the Facilities Master Plan Sub-Committee, stating that monthly updates from Planning Director, Chuck Lamine, indicate that if there was \$100,000 available for a feasibility study, Congressman Ribble has stated there could be funds available for use at the facility.

Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan and seconded by Supervisor Andrews to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Resolution re: Changes to the Psychiatrist Class & Comp:**

A study by the Human Resources Department resulted in a recommendation that the Psychiatrist position be adjusted to a salary range between \$165,000 - \$242,000, and that the Clinical Director receive an additional \$5,00 annually.

Supervisor Brunette asked the following questions:

- Who pays for mal-practice insurance? Human Resources personnel indicated that although the County does provide this insurance, the individual usually purchases their own policy in addition.
- What is the 2012 annual budget impact and how will the position be funded? Shoup indicated that rates may be raised. In addition, there should be savings from the elimination of the part-time psychiatrist.

Supervisor Fewell pointed out that many new hires have had their salaries frozen and do not receive the steps that they understood were to be given. Shoup stated this would not occur with this position. He also informed the committee that a recent applicant was lost because he did not receive a fast enough response and took a position elsewhere.

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Moynihan to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Financial Report for Community Treatment Center and Community Programs:**

Tim Schmitt reported that Community Programs is tracking close to budget through April of this year. He is forecasting a loss of \$512,000 partially due to depreciation which is a non-levy item.

The EMR project shows projected expenses at \$2.5 million of which \$474,000 has been expended, leaving a balance of \$2, 072,000.

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Wetzel to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Community Treatment Center Update:**

Schmitt reported that the Community Treatment Center budget is similar to last month, noting that revenues are tracking behind budget, with expenses close to budget.

Motion made by Supervisor Fewell and seconded by Supervisor Andrews to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

- 6 **Monthly Inpatient Data – Community Treatment Center and Bellin Psychiatric Center:**

Motion made by Supervisor Brunette and seconded by Supervisor Andrews to receive and place on file. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

7. **Approval for New Non-Continuous Vendor:**

Motion made by Supervisor Fewell and seconded by Supervisor Andrews to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

8. **Request for New Vendor Contract:**

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Fewell to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

9. **Monthly Contract Update:**

Motion made by Supervisor Andrews and seconded by Supervisor Fewell to approve. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

10. **Operating Expenses, Contracts & Revenue Reports, May 31, 2011:**

Motion made by Supervisor Fewell and seconded by Supervisor Andrews to receive and place on file.. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Aging & Disability Resource Center – No agenda items

Health Department – No agenda items

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Veterans' Services – No agenda items

Other:

11. **Audit of Bills:**

Motion made by Supervisor Wetzel and seconded by Supervisor Brunette to approve audit of bills. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor Moynihan and seconded by Supervisor Fewell to adjourn at 6:55 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted:

Rae Knippel,
Recording Secretary